

## Welcome to our new kids newsletter!

We'd like to keep you up to date on what's happening in the libraries, with information on holiday activities and special events, what's new and popular to borrow, homework help and book reviews. Also look out for jokes, quizzes and great competitions.

Our newsletter will come out four times a year. If you'd like to receive it by email, please come and register your email address at one of our libraries. Happy reading!

## School Holiday Activities

### **DIY Easter Cards**

**all day Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, North Fitzroy Library**

Pick up the card kit from the front desk and settle yourself down in the children's area for some DIY Easter fun.

### **Easter Craft Extravaganza**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 11am-12 noon, Richmond Library**

We will supply paper, glitter, pens, glue and all the other crafty items, and you create the cards, baskets etc to surprise your family.

### **Easter Storytime at the Farm**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am, Collingwood Children's Farm, 18 St Heliers St. Abbotsford**

Hear some wonderful stories and make an Easter basket to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Library Scavenger Hunt**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1.00-3.00pm, Fitzroy Library**

Be a detective, look for clues, and solve the mystery at the end of the hunt. There will be some reading involved in this activity so children need to be school aged.

### **Crazy Craft**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 11am-12 noon, Carlton Library**

We supply the materials for you to make something special to take home

### **Carp Productions Present "Bright and Bushy Animal Tales"**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 11am, Collingwood Library**

Join us for an entertaining and interactive theatre show from the acclaimed Carp team. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All events are free.

Phone 1300 695 427 for further information

How does the  
Easter Bunny  
stay fit?

*EGG-xercise  
and HARE-  
robics!*

How does the  
Easter Bunny  
travel?

*By hare  
plane!*

What kinds of  
books do  
bunnies like?

*Ones with  
hoppy  
endings!*

Why shouldn't  
you tell an Easter  
egg a joke?

*It might  
crack up!*

# your tutor

## Need some homework help?

Why not talk to a tutor live over the internet!

Our new on-line tutoring program is for students in years 4-12. Subjects covered include Maths, Science, English, Assignment Research and Study Skills. Available via our website [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/library)

4pm – 8pm Monday to Friday.

## Come along to the launch of your tutor

**Carlton Library on Monday 27th  
April between 4 and 5.30pm.**

Bring Mum or Dad and your toughest homework questions and give it a go! There will be some fun giveaways. (Don't forget your Library card)



### Who's this?

- J.K. Rowling
- Pippi Longstocking
- Anna from Fitzroy Library

It's Anna of course!  
All of our 5 libraries have trained children's librarians – some have two of them!  
Let's introduce them with a poem:

**Anna, Carol, Lindy, Sian,  
Kellie, Jill and Suzanne  
All work at the library and  
have quite a plan:  
Finding just the right book  
that you need  
To help with your homework  
or take home to read.**

### Do you know who works where? (see contacts below)

### TOP FIVE Junior Fiction books with Aboriginal characters:

- Digger J Jones**  
– Richard Franklin (10-12 yrs)
- Yirra and Her Deadly Dog  
Demon**  
– Anita Heiss (7-10 yrs)
- From little things big things  
grow**  
– Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody  
(all age)
- Barrumbi Kids**  
– Leonne Norrington (9-12 yrs)
- Two hands together**  
– Diana Kidd (8-12 yrs)

### Your children's team:

**Carlton:** Sian and Suzanne

**Collingwood:** Kellie

**Fitzroy:** Anna

**North Fitzroy:** Carol and Jill

**Richmond:** Lindy

Phone us on 1300 695 427

Visit our website at:

[www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/library)

**Come and say hi!**

### TOP 5 most borrowed junior books so far this year:

- Adventures of Tintin**  
– Herge
- Tiara Club at Silver Towers**  
– Vivian French
- Tales of Beedle the Bard**  
– J K Rowling
- The Key to Rondo**  
– Emily Rodda
- The BFG**  
– Roald Dahl

### Are you up to the challenge?

(The Premier's Reading Challenge that is)  
We have many books available from the PRC lists - they have stickers that show you which year level they are from. Ask a staff member for help finding books for your level.

You can also search the on-line catalogue and reserve items by putting in "Premier's Reading Challenge" and adding your level e.g. "Year 1" as your search words. Click on "hold item" to reserve the books you want.

### Our First Newsletter Competition

#### Tell us your favourite book place and why you'd like to go there.

Is it Narnia? Deltora? Hogwarts?  
Fairyland? Or somewhere else?  
Draw a picture if you like.

Put your name, age and phone  
number on the back and drop it in  
to your library by **1<sup>st</sup> of May** and  
you could win a great prize and  
have your entry on display during  
Library Week.

